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clear evidence of immaturity, it is rather dogmatical in tone. The contributions of the Mercantilists and Kameralists are denied by implication, and no mention is made of Senior or Hermann. The reviewer would ask these questions: Did Smith introduce individualism? Is it true that Turgot did not, on the whole, recognize the productivity of capital? Was Mill the first to recognize and expound the relation of scarcity to value? Did he make the "secondary factors" (climate, security, etc.) in any way co-ordinate with land, labor, and capital? These queries seem to deserve a negation, and each negation is a criticism of the *Abriss*.

One point of importance is suggested by the perusal of Dr. Müller's pamphlet: Does the writer not fail to see that Smith's definition of "production" is a question of definition? The problem with the classical economists was to define "wealth" so as to make it a measurable quantum and then to define "production" so as to correlate it with wealth. This is a problem today. To choose a definition of wealth which includes invisible and intangible items, as does the author, merely indicates that he has a different—and perhaps a less precise—notion of the scope of the science.

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In this volume the author has considered at some length the more striking features of American society as they exist today, such as the position of women, that decentralization of social organization which is marked by absence of a capital, the existence of a written constitution, the principle of religious toleration and the separation of church and state, the vast area of free-trade presented by our internal commerce, the institution of negro slavery, and the continual impouring of a vast stream of alien immigration. Besides these, many other less important matters are treated: the contempt of the people for law, their hatred of England, the influence of our various wars, especially the one with Spain and the Civil War, and finally the influence of our protective tariff policy. Everywhere he has striven to show on the one hand the